



Graceland West

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Graceland West Community Association

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Check our Graceland West website for current happenings: www.gracelandwest.org

2009 GWCA Calendar

CAPS meetings:

* For Beat 1922 (half of our neighborhood from Berteau North) 2nd Wed of even months

* For Beat 1923 (half of our neighborhood from Berteau south) 2nd Tues of odd months

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Tues	01/13	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1923	4100 N. Greenview
			(2nd Tues of odd months)	
Wed	02/11	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1922	4701 North Ashland
			(2nd Wed, Even Months)	
Thurs	02/18	7:30 pm	Community Meeting	Andies Restaurant Greenview & Montrose
Tues	03/10	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1923	4100 N. Greenview
			(2nd Tues of odd months)	
Wed	04/08	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1922	4701 North Ashland
			(2nd Wed, Even Months)	
Thurs	04/09	7:30 pm	Council Meeting	Mike Kailus's 1461 Hutchinson R.S.V.P. 281-0676
Sat	?04/18?	7:30 pm	?Spring Fling (fundraiser)?	TBD
Tues	05/12	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1923	4100 N. Greenview
			(2nd Tues of odd months)	
Thurs	05/14	7:30 pm	Community Meeting	Warner Park Gardening Demonstration
Sat	?06/06?	9-3	?Garage Sale?	Various Locations
Wed	06/10	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1922	4701 North Ashland
			(2nd Wed, Even Months)	
Sun	06/21	12-5	Garden Walk	Various Locations
			Followed by community dinner at Warner Park	
Thurs	07/09	7:30 pm	Council Meeting	Julie Gross's 4255 Greenview R.S.V.P. 528-4263
Tues	07/14	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1923	4100 N. Greenview
			(2nd Tues of odd months)	
Sat	?08/08?	7 pm	Auction Party	Warner Park
Sun	?10/04	1:30 pm	?Cemetery Tour?	Graceland Cemetery

Next Community Meeting Wednesday, February 18th

Our next community meeting will take place on Wed. Feb. 18th, 7:30, at Andies Restaurant, located on the corner of Montrose and Greenview. Our topic will be Ravenswood School. We will have two representatives from the school, one a faculty member and the other a parent. They will tell us about all the exciting new changes taking place there. It is in our best interest to support our neighborhood school in its efforts. We all know how important a good school has been to real estate values, case in point, Bell School. It has been a major selling point in that neighborhood. Please plan to attend.

GWCA Goes Green!

You may notice that this newsletter is shorter than usual. In the future, GWCA will be posting the majority of its information on-line at www.gracelandwest.org as well as emailing out information using our database of email addresses. If you have not already submitted your email to GWCA, please do so today at www.gracelandwest.org. We also suggest that you sign up for email alerts and newsletters from the Chicago Cubs at cubs.com and Alderman Gene Schuler at www.ward47.com

Thanks to Mark and Neymi Nehring of Greenview for stepping up and hosting the annual Halloween party last October in Warner Park. A great time was had by all!

Coyote Alert - There have been multiple reports of Coyote sightings in the neighborhood and at the cemeteries on Clark St. See www.gracelandwest.org for a video of the coyote.

EL Gato Negro

Graceland West neighbors have had many complaints over the years regarding alleged illicit activities occurring on and near the premises of El Gato Negro at 1461 West Irving Park Road. As a result of such complaints, the City's Dept. of Business Affairs and Licensing has scrutinized such activities and the liquor license held by this establishment. To address such concerns, the Dept. of Business Affairs and Licencing will hold a hearing on March 24, 2009 at City Hall, Room

2009 GWCA Calendar Contd.

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Wed	08/12	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1922	4701 North Ashland
(2nd Wed, Even Months)				
Thurs	08/13	7:30 pm	Community Meeting	Church
at Belle Plaine and Greenview				
Tues	09/08	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1923	4100 N. Greenview
(2nd Tues of odd months)				
Sat	09/12	11-5	GWCA fest	4100 blk. of Greenview
Sun	?10/04	1:30 pm	?Cemetery Tour?	Graceland Cemetery
Thurs	10/08	7:30 pm	Council Meeting	Kesh Sorenson's 1419 Warner R.S.V.P.251-5501
Wed	10/14	7 pm	CAPS Beat 1922	4701 North Ashland
(2nd Wed, Even Months)				
Sun	10/25	1-4 pm	Halloween Fest	Warner Park & Gardens
Thurs	11/12	7:30 pm	Community Meeting	Church at Belle Plaine & Greenview
Thurs	12/10	7:30 pm	Council Meeting	Donna Forsberg's 4334 Greenview R.S.V.P. 348-1469
Sun	12/20	4:00 pm	Holiday Caroling Party	TBD

Welcome New Members

Mandy & Brian Booth - Greenview
 Tom & Kathleen Bannan - Cullom
 Kristin & George McTague - Warner
 Mike & Megan Anderson - Greenview
 Diane Dombeck - Greenview
 Kimberly & Greg Alexopoulos - Ashland
 Cathy & Michael Earley - Warner

Comings and Goings

Congratulations to Bill and MJ Glascott of Cullom Ave. who recently welcomed their first child, Jackson Thomas Glascott into their family.

Best wishes to Mark and Neymi Nehring of Greenview on the adoption of a baby girl from Guatemala

Condolences on the passing of the following residents who resided on Greenview: David Bouhl; and 30 yr plus residents Noni Urgel and David Rolon.

Hazardous Building at 1407 W. Warner

This property appears to have been abandoned and has been inspected by the Building Department and cited for 18 violations. The next public hearing on this building will be held on January 26 at the Chicago Housing Court at 400 W Superior in Room 114 at 1:30 PM. Please try to attend. For more information, see the GWCA web site or contact Council Member, Kesh Sorensen, by phone (773-251-5501) or email keshs@sbcglobal.net.

4136 N. Greenview Update (vacant lot)

The courts have agreed that the set back is enforceable on this lot and any future house will need to comply with the setback.

Minutes from 11/20/08 Community Meeting

Chairperson: Julie Gross
 Minutes: Mark Nehring

- Meeting was a pot luck with excellent food.
- Issue of leaves not being picked up before freezing was discussed. This is an issue specifically around Lakeview High School. Need to call alderman's office as well as 311.
- Reminder to call 311 for city services, e.g. street lights.
- Barb Sullivan motioned to donate \$1,000 to Warner Park. Julie Gross second the motion.
- Mark Nehring suggested to invite a representative from Warner Park and Gardens to an upcoming GWCA meeting to discuss the benefits that this wonderful park provides to the neighborhood.
- Decision made to include Ravenswood elementary school into the discussion of future donations from GWCA.
- \$300 for 2009 Garden Walk recommended by Donna Forsburg
- Halloween Party a great success and under budget for 2008.
- Review of the 2009 budget and then motion by Barb Sullivan to have approved. Second by Nehring and was passed 14-0
- Recommendation to consolidate newsletter from 5 sheets down to 1 or 2. GWCA goes GREEN!!!
- Group discussion of new architectural committee. Possibly 4 or 5 houses to be shown in an architectural tour. Julie Gross to do a write up to post to the GWCA web.
- 3 new board members members nominated and elected to GWCA council. All were approved with a 14-0 vote. One unable to serve at this time. The two new members are: Mark Lohss and Jeny Kroah.
- Barb Sullivan invited all to caroling party to begin at her house on 12/21.

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Current Council Members

Council Name	Term	Phone (773)	Focus	E-mail ID
Doug Dinnella	07/08-06/09	491-9989	Zoning, Overlay Districts	ddinnella@aol.com
Mike Kailus	03/08-06/09	750-6274	Alderman Schuller Liaison, 501c3	mkailus@hotmail.com
Mark Nehring	03/08-06/09	312-405-6500	Garden Walk, Halloween	mnehring4@yahoo.com
Donna Forsberg	01/07 - 12/09	348-1469	Garden Walk, UNC linkage	donnaforsberg@sbcglobal.net
Julie Gross	07/08-12/09	528-4263	Architectural Committee	stoneberggross@sbcglobal.net
Kesh Sorenson	07/08 - 12/09	251-5501	Summer's eve party	keshs@sbcglobal.net
Jeny Kroah	01/09-06/10	312-543-0307	Website storage/domain & advertising	jkroah@nextlevelms.com
Mark Lohss	01/09-06/10	935-7340	CAPS 1923 (S. of Berteau)	mlohss@sbcglobal.net

Graceland West 2009 Budget

Approved Budget for 2009

		Anticipated Expense	Anticipated Income	Net Spending
Graceland West	Community Association			
Community Support				
	Lake View High School	\$1,000		\$1,000
	Warner Park & Gardens	\$1,000		\$1,000
	Ravenswood School	\$500		\$500
	Community Support SubTotal	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
Events				
	Spring Fling (March/April)	\$600	(\$900)	(\$300)
	Garage Sale (May/June)	\$250	(\$300)	(\$50)
	Garden Walk (June/July)	\$300		\$300
	Mid Summer Evening Party (Aug 8)	\$1,200	(\$1,200)	\$0
	GWCA fest (Sept 12)	\$7,500	(\$7,500)	\$0
	Halloween Party (Oct)	\$1,200	(\$1,200)	\$0
	Carolling Party (Dec)	\$150		\$150
	Events SubTotal	\$11,200	(\$11,100)	\$100
Communications				
	Newsletter (4 times/year)	\$800		\$800
	Website	\$550		\$550
	Communications SubTotal	\$1,350	\$0	\$1,350
Organization				
	Membership / Meetings	\$250	(\$1,500)	(\$1,250)
	Administration	\$250		\$250
	Advertising/Donations		(\$2,950)	(\$2,950)
	Organization SubTotal	\$500	(\$4,450)	(\$3,950)
PROPOSED Budget for 2009		\$15,550	(\$15,550)	\$0

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JOIN TODAY!



Graceland West Community Association Membership Form

Date: _____

Type of Membership: \$15.00 Family
(Circle One) \$10.00 Individual
 \$2.00 Senior Citizen

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____

(W) _____

(C) _____

I am interested in volunteering for GWCA in:

- helping plan and organize events/parties
- helping build the GWCA website
- helping write the newsletter
- being a block representative
- helping set-up or breakdwon events/parties
- helping deliver the newsletter
- being on call to lend a hand
- other _____

Make checks payable to: GWCA
Send or drop off CHECK & COMPLETED FORM
to: Kathy Scardina, 4325 N. Greenview, 60613

E-mail address: _____

Chicago police tell us that the best way to protect against criminal activity is to know and care about your neighbors. Please give us permission to publish for GWCA members only.

You have my permission to publish my information in the GWCA Membership Directory. I have circled the information above that I do not want published.

Sign here: _____